



Sharon Powell
Whisnant

June 25, 1944 - Aug. 30, 2024

Sharon Powell Whisnant, 80, of Morganton, NC passed away on Friday, August 30, 2024. She was born on June 25, 1944 in Burke County to the late Harold Powell and Gladys Glasbrook Powell Rhoney. She was a very spiritual person, a musician and artist. She wrote her own poems. She was a loving person and loved her Sunday lunches at her son, Tony's house. She also loved her animals, her cat, Smokey and her dog, Princess as well as all animals.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her step-father, Jessie Rhoney; son, Derrick Hawkins; brother, Jerry Powell; and husband, Harley Whisnant.

She is survived by her children, Tony Hawkins (Leslie), Roxie Edmisten and Rita Tallent; grandchildren, Greg Evans, Tabitha Hawkins, Casey Smith, Miranda Carpenter, Chelsea Walker, Harley Tallent, Layla Tallent and Ella Williams; great-grandchildren, Nathan Poovey, Alivia Carpenter, Makenzie Carpenter, Steven Strickland, Jr., Brayden Hawkins and Tailynn Hawkins.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Sharon at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, Sharon would prefer donations to be made to Burke County Friends for Animals.

FOR ANIMALS.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

My sage, you have taught me much and loved me much. I hope to further live my life w/out any regrets like you did. You loved unconditionally, judged no man, and listened without reserve. You prayed incessantly and always professed the love of Jesus. I miss you. Thank you Roxie for your loving care, and the surrounding of love by your family for my friend.

—Cathy Cook

Deepest condolences to Sharon's family. She was a beautiful loving spirit. She became a dear friend when she cared for my mom and she will be missed.

—Linda Abernethy



Sharon was such a sweet and nurturing soul. She will be greatly missed. Love you sweet lady rest in peace.

—Sheila Porter

My heartfelt condolences and my continued prayers for Sharon's family and friends. Sharon was a wonderful soul. To know her was to love her. You'll be missed terribly. Rest in Sweet Heavenly Peace, my dear friend.

—Susan Guinn Smith



Sorry to Hear about mom is what I called her she was a dear person whom you would just loved to talk to for hours. So sorry for your loss. Gonna be greatly missed. Shannon Gragg (Roosters Daughter)

–Shannon Gragg

To Tony Hawkins and all of the other family members, I am so sorry to read about the passing away of Sharon. She was a very sweet person and I will always remember the good times we shared growing up together. May God bless you and your family during this difficult time.

–Greg Walker



I love you my little darlin Grandma! You are greatly missed.

–Miranda